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25X1 1. Soviet directors of USIA-controlled firms recently received a written order, in Russian, directing them to dismiss, in so far as possible, all USIA workers who are not members of the Austrian Communist Party and who refuse to enroll in a "Berkschutz" training course. This directive emphasized the importance of training USIA employees to serve as shock troops for an Austrian People's Democracy and advised USIA directors that skilled workers will be transferred from Eastern Germany to various USIA enterprises before the middle of September 1950.*

25X1 2. It is reported that USIA plants in St. Poelten, Lower Austria, have made the most progress towards fulfilling this order to date.

25X1 [] Comment: It is not clear in the original text of this report whether the East German skilled workers are being assigned to USIA for industrial purposes.

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